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SUBJECT:SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH NEW ZEALAND
FOREIGN MINISTER, JUNE 7, 1978

1. MR. TALBOYS OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY WARMLY THANKING
THE SECRETARY FOR THE FRANK AND EXTREMELY VALUABLE SURVEY
OF GLOBAL ISSUES THAT HE HAD PRESENTED AT THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE ANZUS COUNCIL THAT MORNING AND BY EXPRESSING ALSO
NEW ZEALAND'S APPRECIATION FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S TRIP
TO WASHINGTON. IN RESPONDING, THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED
THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT HAD VERY MUCH ENJOYED AND PROFITTED
FROM HIS VISIT.

2. THE SECRETARY THEN INTRODUCED THE PROBLEM OF THIRD
WORLD EFFORTS TO RESTRICT THE ROLE OF FOREIGN MEDIA AS
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HE EXPECTED IT WOULD ARISE AT THE UNESCO MEETING IN OCTOBER.
HE ANTICIPATED A MAJOR THIRD WORLD DRIVE TO PASS A RESOLU-
TION THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WITH A
STRONG TRADITION OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WOULD NOT BE ABLE
TO LIVE WITH; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN PRESS HAVE
ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN. THE SECRETARY
RECALLED THAT, WHEN THE THIRD WORLD RESOLUTION HAD BEEN

DEFLECTED IN 1976 AT NAIROBI, THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER

ADVANCED COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED INTEREST IN VARIOUS KINDS OF ASSISTANCE TO STRENGTHEN INDIGENOUS THIRD-WORLD MEDIA CAPABILITIES. NEITHER THE US GOVERNMENT NOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAD FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THIS, HOWEVER, AND WE ARE LIKELY TO BE CONFRONTED IN OCTOBER BOTH WITH REPROACHES AND WITH STRONG PRESSURES FOR ACTION. WE NOW NEED TO MOVE RATHER RAPIDLY TO DECIDE WHAT OUR POSITION SHOULD BE WHEN THE TIME COMES, WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING NOW TO GET READY FOR OCTOBER, AND ON WHAT COUNTRIES WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS. INDIA, THE SECRETARY SAID, IS OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT AND HE PROPOSES TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH DESAI DURING HIS VISIT NEXT WEEK; EGYPT IS ANOTHER COUNTRY WHERE WE HAVE ASSETS.

3. MR. TALBOYS RESPONDED THAT NEW ZEALAND HAS NOT YET REALLY THOUGHT THE SUBJECT THROUGH BUT THAT IT IS CLEARLY A VERY IMPORTANT ONE ON WHICH NEW ZEALAND WOULD WISH TO COOPERATE VERY CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

4. HE THEN TURNED TO NEW ZEALAND'S ACUTE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MTN OUTCOME TO NEW ZEALAND'S ABILITY TO PLAY ITS PROPER ROLE IN ANZUS AND THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. NEW ZEALAND, HE SAID, CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS BATTLING TO HOLD ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN MARKET FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS AND TO GET GREATER ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET. GIVING NEW ZEALAND GREATER ACCESS TO THE US MARKET WOULD HELP TO MOVE THE EUROPEANS AND THE JAPANESE. HOWEVER, HE RECOGNIZES THAT THE US HAS ALREADY BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN COMPARISON WITH THE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF ITS OWN DIFFICULT DAIRY SITUATION, AND IT HAS ALSO BEEN COOPERATIVE IN ITS SURPLUS PROGRAM. NEVERTHELESS, NEW ZEALAND HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY OUR SALE OF DRIED SKIM MILK TO MEXICO.

5. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE MEXICAN CASE TO HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL ONE, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT FURTHER. HE ADDED THAT HE ALSO WAS WORRIED ABOUT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND THAT THERE WAS LESS FLEXIBILITY IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THIS SUBJECT THAN ON ANY OTHER.

6. RAISING THE QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA, MR. TALBOYS SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE TREATY HAD WORKED WONDERS, HE SAW THE PROSPECT OF NEW AND INCREASING STRAINS

BECAUSE OF THE EVERINCREASING INTEREST IN EXPLOITING
ANTARCTIC RESOURCES, NOTABLY KRILL AND MINERALS. WE
MAY FACE AN EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT SITUATION AT

THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING IN JULY AND IT WILL BE VERY
IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY. AMBASSADOR
SELDEN REMARKED ON HOW INDISPENSIBLE OUR CLOSE TIES
WITH NEW ZEALAND ARE TO OUR OWN ANTARTIC ACTIVITIES,
POINTING PARTICULARLY TO THE GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US
OF BEING ABLE TO STAGE OUT OF CHRISTCHURCH. MR. CORNER
ADDED THAT, IN TERMS OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL, THE AREA
JUST BELOW NEW ZEALAND WAS MOST PROMISING -- WITH OIL
A LIVELY PROSPECT THERE -- AND THAT WE NEED TO KEEP UP
OUR RESEARCH COOPERATION TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. ANY
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MATTER OF CLAIMS, HE ADDED, WILL BE UNIMPORTANT. THERE
WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND NEW ZEALAND SHOULD CONTINUE. VANCE

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